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OPNAV NOTICE 4740

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWING OF UNMANNED, DEFUELED  
EX-ENTERPRISE FOLLOWING INACTIVATION AND DECOMMISSIONING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST N4740.4B (NOTAL)  
(b) OPNAVINST 4770.5J  
(c) NAVSEAINST 4740.12A (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To provide clarifying and supplemental guidance to reference (a) for the towing of the decommissioned nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *ex-Enterprise* (CVN 65).

2. Background.

a. Reference (a) provides policy and assigns responsibilities for towing and escort of unmanned defueled nuclear-powered ships and reactor compartment disposal packages. Reference (b) sets forth the policy and guidance for the inactivation, transfer and disposal of vessels of the U.S. Navy and administration of those assets following inactivation.

b. *Ex-Enterprise* decommissioned on 3 February 2017 and is currently located at Newport News Shipbuilding. *Ex-Enterprise* will be dismantled and recycled per the policy set forth in reference (b). *Ex-Enterprise* will be delivered to the dismantlement and recycling site via an open-ocean transit, either under tow or by a heavy-lift capable vessel.

3. Policy. The guidance outlined in subparagraphs 3a through 3i clarifies and supplements the policies of reference (a) for the transport of *ex-Enterprise* to the dismantlement and recycling site. All other policies established and responsibilities assigned in reference (a) remain in effect.

a. Technical requirements for preparing unmanned, defueled nuclear-powered aircraft carriers for towing or heavy-lift transport are specified in reference (c).

b. Commercially-sourced open-ocean towing or heavy-lift capable vessels meeting the requirements of reference (c) will be arranged by Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command. These transport vessels will be assigned for the duration of the open-ocean transit.

c. Escort vessels assigned to support towing or heavy-lift transport of *ex-Enterprise* to the dismantlement and recycling site are not required to demonstrate capability to serve as a backup tow vessel.

d. Transit of *ex-Enterprise* to the Pacific Ocean, if required, will be via the Strait of Magellan of South America vice the Panama Canal.

e. The designated Officer in Charge (OIC) must have served as a commanding officer of a nuclear-powered ship, or be a command qualified officer that has served as reactor officer of a nuclear-powered ship, or other officer approved by the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program that has attended relevant portions of the Naval Reactors Prospective Commanding Officer course.

f. The designated OIC will also be the Officer in Tactical Command (OTC) as only *ex-Enterprise* will be transported.

g. The boarding crew assigned during open-ocean transit of *ex-Enterprise* must include the personnel delineated in subparagraphs 3g(1) through 3g(8).

(1) One Damage Controlman First Class or above, qualified as a fire party scene leader.

(2) Three Damage Controlman Second Class or above, qualified as a repair or fire party leader and capable of line handling, anchor windlass operation and capstan operation under supervision of Boatswain's Mate First Class (BM1).

(3) One Engineman First Class (EN1) or above, qualified as a repair or fire party leader and capable of line handling, anchor windlass operation and capstan operation under supervision of BM1. EN1 will supervise temporary diesel mechanical operation by Machinist's Mate Nuclear (MMN) and electrical operation by Electrician's Mate Nuclear (EMN) crew members delineated in subparagraphs 3g(4) and 3g(7), respectively.

(4) Three MMN with Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) Code 3385 or 3395. MMN boarding crew members will perform mechanical operation duties of the temporary diesel as assigned, under the supervision of EN1.

(5) Two MMN Engineering Laboratory Technician (ELT) with NEC Code 3356 or 3386.

(6) One MMN ELT with NEC Code 3386 or 3396.

(7) Two EMN with NEC Code 3384 or 3394. EMN boarding crew members will perform electrical operation duties of the temporary diesel as assigned, under the supervision of EN1.

(8) Three BM1 or above, qualified as a repair or fire party leader and capable of line handling, anchor windlass operation and capstan operation under supervision of BM1.

h. At least one of the nuclear-trained enlisted boarding crew members delineated in subparagraphs 3g(4) through 3g(7) must be a Chief Petty Officer (E-7) or above.

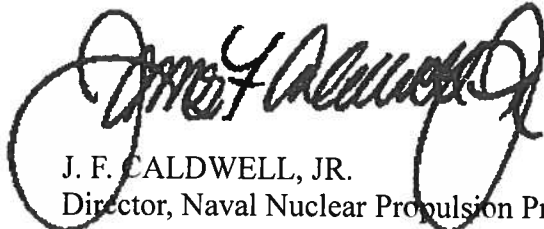
i. At least one of the MMN ELT boarding crew members delineated in subparagraphs 3g(5) and 3g(6) must have nuclear-powered aircraft carrier experience.

4. Records Management.

a. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the disposition schedules located on the Department of Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnave.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

5. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will remain in effect for 1 year until superseded or incorporated into a revision to reference (a), whichever occurs first.



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